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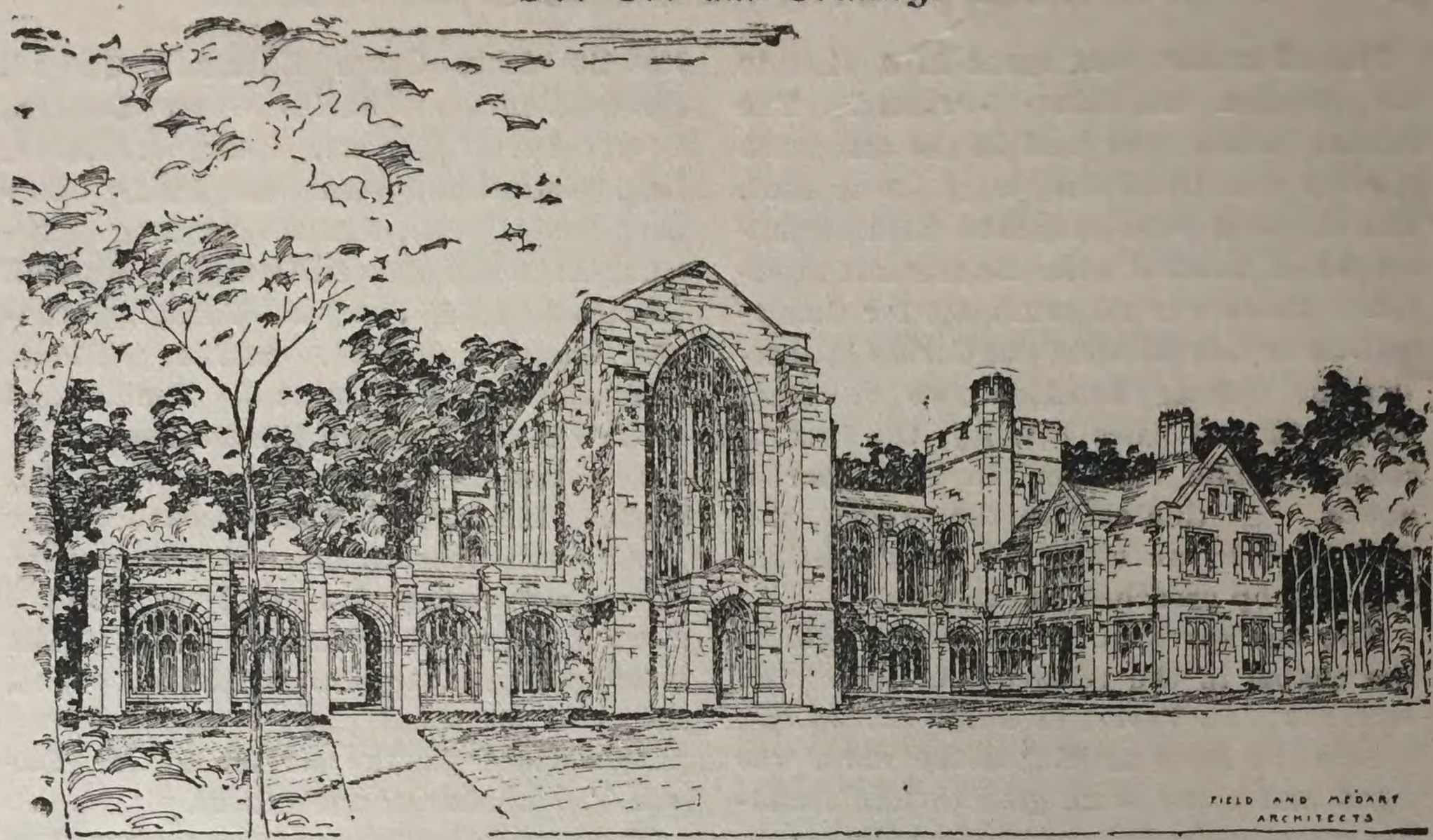

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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Bishop Garland at Valley Forge.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D. D., Bishop Suffragan, made his official visit to the Washington Memorial Chapel and the Missions at King-of-Prussia and Gulph Mills on Sunday, October 12. The day was one of rare beauty, and this added to the pleasure of his visit.

At the chapel the service consisted of the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, a strong and helpful sermon by the Bishop, and the Holy Communion. The class was presented by the Rector and was remarkable for the large proportion of men and boys, there being eight out of the nine confirmed. The following were the candidates:

Frank Quigg Andrews, Ellwood T. Garner, Joseph Whitton Gibson, Ellis Francis Hampton, Robert B. King, J. Howard McCurdy, Alexander Taggart Stephens, Edward Henry Wadleigh, Emily Rawle Wadleigh.

There was a very large congregation and the whole service was of an inspiring character. Miss Mary M. Hibbs had charge of the music, and Miss Mary Pugh was the organist. Most of the class remained to take luncheon with the Bishop and the parish workers after the service.

The afternoon was spent in a visit to the Mission at King-of-Prussia. The Sunday School was held in the afternoon in order that the Bishop might be present. The children were delighted with his address and listened with the greatest interest. There was no candidate for Confirmation in this Mission, but during the service the Rector baptized two children, Elizabeth and Alice Bradley, the first to receive public Baptism in our parish house. At this service the room was well filled by an attentive congregation. The Bishop preached the sermon.

The last service of the day was held at the chapel in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Percy R. Varian at Gulph Mills. Long before the hour appointed the room was filled and many were glad to find standing room in the hall, or even on the porch. The Bishop spoke of the delay in the erection of the Parish House. Arrangements had been made for the purchase of the lot and the erection of a building on some portion of it, and it had been hoped that the work would be so far advanced that the building could be used at this date. But at the last Convention of the Diocese a new Canon was passed constituting a Church Building Commission. It is now necessary for this Commission to approve the sites selected for missions and the plans for building. This Commission did not give its approval as was expected, on account of a misunderstanding of the state of the case. The Bishop assured the congregation that this matter had been satisfactorily settled and that the work would proceed rapidly, upon the return of Bishop Rhinelander and himself from the General Convention.

He expressed his great pleasure in the progress that had been made in the upbuilding of the congregation, and told of the pleasure it gave him to make his first official visit to Trinity Mission, Gulph Mills. A class of twenty-one persons, consisting of the following, was confirmed by the Bishop:

Sarah Needham Ashton (Mrs. James), John Black, John Norman Black, Violet Roselie Black, Grace Elizabeth Conrad, Robert Conrad, Charles Owen Duncan, George Porter Duncan, Harry B. Gibson, David Hamilton, Rosamond Emily Mosman Lobb (Mrs.), Alfred Hallman Mosman, Kaye Munshower, George C. Russell, Loletta Russell, Percy R. Varian, Catharine Marjorie Varian, George Wilfong, John Zimmerman, Annie J. Zimmerman (Mrs. John), Elizabeth Zimmerman.

The class was presented by the Rev. Mr. Burk. The sermon was preached by the Bishop and was full of encouragement to the newly confirmed as well as to the other members of the congregation. The music was in charge of Mr. John Conrad, the choir master. A chancel rail had been put in place for the service by Mr. Edwin F. Munshower and others.

The first Communion of the class will be on Sunday, October 26, at eleven o'clock. On the same day there will be Communion at King-of-Prussia at 10 a. m.

The Rector is indebted to Mr. Edward T. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Allerton and Mr. Sidney Coates, who made it possible for him to have the three Sunday Schools at the same time and two services, thus making no break in the usual program of the day's worship.

The United Offering.

Miss Helen Wilson, the Parochial Treasurer of the United Offering, is most zealous in furthering the work under her care. One of her efforts along this line was the delightful tea given at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Colket Wilson. A large number accepted the invitation and formed a very enthusiastic gathering. Miss Wilson made a statement of the plans and purposes of the United Offering and appealed for the hearty support of her hearers.

Rev. James Haughton told of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in his parishes and of the wonderful results attained. Miss Williamson, who had been working in St. Margaret's House, Philadelphia, gave a most interesting account of the so-

cial work done at that place. Mr. Caleb Cresson also spoke on the subject, and the last address was made by the Rector. Refreshments were served, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in delightful social intercourse.

Miss Wilson and Mrs. W. Herbert Burk went to New York on Wednesday, Oct. 8, to be present at the Triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Presentation of the United Offering in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on Thursday, October 9. The offering amounted to $307,500. The offering of the Chapel for the past year was $36.91 from 25 contributors. The year before it was $23.73.

Miss Wilson hopes that every woman and girl in the parish will be a contributor, even if only a small sum can be given annually.

A Valley Forge Cannon Ball.

Miss Amelia Thropp, who with her sister, the late M. E. T. Cone, did so much to arouse interest in Valley Forge, years ago, and whose heroic efforts for this sacred spot deserve commemoration, has sent to the Valley Forge Museum of American History, a cannon ball that was dug out of one of the intrenchments at Valley Forge. Years ago it was presented to Miss Thropp by the late Isaac Smith, of Bridgeport, Pa.

She has preserved the ball through all these years and now has sent it to the Museum, that it may add to the collection in which so many visitors are taking such an interest.

The Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School.

Mr. Sidney Coates has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Washington Memorial Sunday School. Mr. Coates is an experienced church worker, and for some time was associated with the late Rev. Francis T. H. Finn in Cleveland. He entered upon his duties on Sunday, the 12th of October. Mr. Coates will be a great help to the Rector, and it is hoped that in time he will be able to build up a large class of young men.

On the Sundays that the Rector is at Gulf Mills, he will be in full charge of the School and teach the Bible Class.

Phoenixville Majolica Ware.

During the past month a remarkable addition has been made to the Museum by the purchase of a large collection of Phoenixville Majolica Ware. This was made only for a short time in Phoenixville, but in that time pieces of real artistic worth were produced. The mere fact that this was a local industry has blinded many people to the quality of this ware. The late Charles Pennypacker, of West Chester, became interested in the Phoenixville Majolica Ware and gathered many fine specimens. The choicest of these will have a place in the Museum, and will certainly interest a large number of our visitors.

Arrangements will be made to place the collection on exhibition as soon as possible, and it is hoped that the result of this exhibition will be to secure, through gifts and other purchases, a complete set of the works of this local pottery. We regret that we have not the permission to announce the name of the generous donor, for it certainly should be known.

The Lilla S. Pechin Collection.

On the 9th of October Mrs. John Collins Bliss turned over to the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, Curator of the Museum, the very valuable collection of American stamps, which Miss Lilla S. Pechin had made and which she presented to the Museum before her death. The collection had been left in the care of Miss Pechin as we had not the proper facilities for exhibiting it, and she was continually adding to its value, as she was able to obtain other stamps. This collection is estimated to be worth between $2500 and $3000.

A gift like this not only enhances the value of our collection but adds to its

historic importance. The stamps record the history of the Nation as well as books. To one who can read them aright, they are full of suggestions and real interest. As time goes on the earlier issues become so rare that they can scarcely be found, outside of the great collections. As other stamps are issued the issues should be added to this collection, and it is to be hoped that there may be formed a small endowment for this purpose.

Washington's Coach.

Many persons between Philadelphia and Valley Forge, on Friday, October 10, were interested in the slow progress of a remarkable looking vehicle behind a weary horse and dilapidated wagon. Only those who know the arms of Washington were able to recognize what was passing. It was Washington's Coach. When the Philadelphia pageant was presented, it was one of the interesting features.

Of course the original coach of Washington was destroyed many years ago. Its last owner was Bishop Meade, of Virginia, and when it seemed impossible to keep the coach longer intact, he had it taken apart and presented its fragments to his friends as souvenirs. Dr. Ellis P. Oberholtzer made a reproduction from a careful study of the description and pictures of the original. The coach thus produced now forms a part of the Valley Forge Museum of American History. It is the purpose of Dr. Oberholtzer and Mr. Burk to present, on the hills of Valley Forge, a pageant in which this coach will take its place. In the meanwhile visitors are interested in seeing the kind of vehicle in which Washington rode.

We should add that the coach now in the carriage house at Mt. Vernon was not Washington's, as has been clearly proved, but was the Powell coach used by that family in Philadelphia.

Mr. William Rumford has resigned from the sextonship. He will leave on the fifteenth, going to Reading to live.

The Bazaar.

A bazaar will be held at the Chapel on Saturday, October 25, 1913. Fancy articles will be offered for sale and luncheon and tea will be served. It had been hoped to hold a supper in connection with the bazaar, but it was found impossible to do so.

The friends of the Chapel are asked to contribute generously for this work. Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Charles Wells Walker, Devon, President of the Guild. Every one is asked to make an effort to be present and to do everything to make the bazaar a success.

The Convocation of Norristown.

A regular meeting of the Convocation of Norristown will be held at Christ's (Old Swedes') Church, Upper Merion, on Thursday, October 23, 1913.

11 a. m. Holy Communion and Sermon by the Rev. Robert J. Johnston, Rector of the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.

12.30 p. m. Woman's Auxiliary.

1.00 p. m. Luncheon.

2.30 p. m. Business Session.

Archdeacon Steel assisted the Rector on Sunday, October 5th. He took charge of the Sunday School at Gulph Mills and officiated at the service at King-of-Prussia. At both places he gave an account of his work in Cuba and won the friendship of his hearers. The Sunday Schools at both places gave the offerings of the day toward a Christmas celebration in his mission.

In 1889 Mr. George Clinton Genet wrote an interesting pamphlet on "Washington, Jefferson and 'Citizen' Genet, 1793." This was privately printed, and copies are now rare. "Citizen" Genet's great-great-grandson, Edmond Charles Clinton Genet, has generously presented a copy to the Washington Memorial Library.

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Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
The Parish House, King-of-Prussia:
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7.30 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Saints' Days, 9.30 A. M. Holy Communion.

Calendar.

OCTOBER.

St. Luke's Day.
18. 9.30 a. m. Holy Communion.
19. Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
23. 8 p. m. Confirmation Lecture at Gulph Mills.
25. The Bazaar—afternoon and evening.
26. Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity. Extra services.
10 a.m. Holy Communion at King-of-Prussia.
11 a. m. Service, sermon and Holy Communion at Gulph Mills.
28. St. Simon and St. Jude.
9.30 a. m. Holy Communion.
30. 8 p. m. Confirmation Lecture at Gulph Mills.

NOVEMBER.

1. All Saints Day. 9.30 a. m. Holy Communion.
2. Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity. 10.45 a. m. Service, sermon and Holy Communion at the Chapel.
3. 8 p. m. Meeting of the Vestry.
5. 2.30 p. m. Meeting of the Guild.
9. 8 p. m. Confirmation Lecture at Gulph Mills.
13. 8 p. m. Confirmation Lecture at Gulph Mills.

BAPTISMS.

Sept. 16. Wiliam Herbert Stroud.
Oct. 12. Ellis Francis Hampton.
Oct. 12. Alexander Taggart Stephens.

KING-OF-PRUSSIA MISSION.

Oct. 12. Elizabeth Bradley.
Oct. 12. Alice Bradley.

CONFIRMATIONS.

By the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D. D., October 12, 1913:

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TRINITY MISSION.

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Washington's Marquee.

More than 12,000 visitors have viewed Washington's Marquee in the last four years. This is a remarkable record, when it is considered that comparatively few persons know of its existence, and so many of the visitors to Valley Forge seem to lack the ten cents required for admission. Those who catch the spirit of this wonderful exhibit, realize that it is the most wonderful thing at Valley Forge. The history of the Marquee is yet to be written. Constantly Mr. Burk is discovering items of interest in connection with it. In time these will form a story in which will be set forth a history full of historic and memorial interest.

Among the latest discoveries is the following account of Lafayette's visit to the city of Baltimore. It is found in "A | Complete History | of the | Marquis de Lafayette, | Major General | in the | Army of the United States of America, | in the | War of the Revolution; | embracing | an account of his late | Tour Through the United States | to the time of his departure, | September, 1825. | By | and Officer i nthe Late Army. | Hartford: | Published by S. Andrus & Son. | 1849." pp. 467-469.

"The General was received at the platform at Fort M'Henry, by Col. Hindman, of the army of the United States, and Edward G. Woodyear, Esq., a member of the committee of arrangement. The officers of the Army and Navy in Baltimore, the Citizen Volunteers of Fort M'Henry, during the bombardment, the Committee of Vigilance and Safety of 1814, and the officers of the late 36th and 38th United States regiments of Infantry, had their stations, and the General passed through their line on his march up to the "star fort." Upon entering the gate the troops of the garrison presented arms—then opened to the right and left, which brought to his view the tent of Washington. Upon which His Excellency Governor Stevens advanced from the tent, and greeted him with the following address:

" 'General—In bidding you a hearty welcome to the State of Maryland, whilst I gratify the honest feelings of my own heart, I express, but feebly, those of the people, whom it is my pride and pleasure on this occasion to represent.

" 'Beneath this venerable canopy, many a time and oft have you grasped the friendly hand of our illustrious Washington, aided his council with your animating voice, or shared with him the hardy soldier's meal. The incidents which the association so forcibly recalls, however inspiring, it were needless to dwell upon. The recollection of them fills the mind with gratitude, a full measure of which is justly due to you, as the generous companion of our fathers, the gallant and disinterested soldier of liberay.

" 'May the sentiments of gratitude towards the author of the blessings we enjoy, never be weakened in the bosoms of my countrymen.

" 'On this very ground, scarce ten years are past since our brave fellow-citizens have proved that they knew how to defend the liberty, which you nobly assisted them to achieve. Ten times an hundred years shall elapse, and the glorious example shall not be lost upon them.

" 'You are about, General, to enter the city of Baltimore, which you have known in other days. In her growth and embellishment, you will behold a symbol of our national prosperity, under popular Institutions, and a purely representative Government. Her monuments aptly illustrate the feelings of my fellow-citizens.

" 'In the column which has been reared to the blessed memory of Washington, we have an evidence of the veneration and permanency with which they cherish the memory of your compatriots, the heroes of the revolution. In the column of latter date, you will discern the gratitude of freemen, for the services of those

who devote themselves to the cause of liberty.

"'Welcome, thrice welcome, General, to the soil of Maryland. Nothing that we can do, can too strongly express to you the affection and respect which we entertain for your person and your principles, or the joy with which we receive you among us, as a long absent Father upon a visit to his children.'

"The Governor then conducted him to the Tent, where he found the Society of the Cincinnati, the patriarchs of the revolution—here he was received and embraced by all of them—the scene was one of the most impressive and heart-touching that was ever witnessed—all were convulsed into tears, but they were tears of the most heart-felt joy and gratulation.

"Colonel John E. Howard, the hero of Cowpens, and President of the Cincinnati Society, when the first emotion had subsided, addressed the General in the name of the Society, who, in his reply, declared that 'language could not express his feelings with meeting with his brothers in arms, in the Tent of their common friend, the beloved Washington.' He then most affectionately embraced his old friends, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, General Beeson, General Stricker, Colonel Howard, and all the aged members of the association, while tears rolled down their venerable cheeks. He shook hands with the younger members in the most cordial manner, looked frequently with an inquiring eye round the Tent, and seemed deeply affected. On discovering part of Washington's camp equipage, he said in an under voice, 'I remember!' There was not a dry eye in the Tent."

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The Valley Forge Collection of Relics.

It is impossible to give in this number such an account of the Anders Collection of Valley Forge Relics as ought to be given. Rather than give an incomplete account we will merely say that the collection is divided into two distinct portions. The first of these is a fine collection of Indian relics. Every article has been found upon the fields of Valley Forge. Most of these have been artistically mounted and are placed in frames for their better exhibition. How many of these were used during the encampment we do not know. We do know that a part of the army encamped here consisted of Indians. That is a matter of record and not of conjecture.

The other and larger part of the collection, and, of course, the more valuable, consists of the relics which have been disinterred chiefly upon the site of General Huntington's brigade. These range from shot and fragments of muskets to pieces of utensils cast aside by the soldiers. The rarest thing in the collection is a button of a British soldier.

The following have contributed toward the purchase of this collection: Mrs. W. Herbert Burk, $5; Miss Rosalie N. Smith, $1; Miss Jane Jenks Southrn, $5; Miss Frances Jordan, $1; Mrs. Frank P. Whiting, $5; Mrs. George J. DeArmond, $5; Miss M. Emma Sanderson, $5; Miss Marie Harbeson Tomb, $5; Mrs. Charles Poultney Perot, $5; Miss Adèline May, $1; Mr. William E. Montague, $5; Miss Edith E. Gardner, $5; Mrs. John F. Miller, $5; Mr. George R. Crawford, $5; Mr. Stan. V. Henkels, $5; Miss Emily R. Ashbridge, $5; Mrs. John Collins Bliss, $5; Mrs. G. A. Godcharles, $5; Mrs. Edwin Shortz, $5; Miss Mary E. Sinnott, $5; Mrs. Wilmon W. Blackmar, $5; Miss Frances A. Roberts, $5; Miss E. C. Roberts, $5; Miss Elizabeth Helfenstein, $5; Miss Hepsey N. Wells, $5; Mrs. Alan Wood, Jr., $5; Mrs. D. C. McCormick, $5; Mrs. Katherine L. Bailey, $5; Mrs. R. H. B. G. Goddard, $5; Miss Anne V. Heins, $5; Mrs. Norris D. Wright, $5; Rev. W. Herbert Burk, $5.

We will need $500 and it is hoped that many of those who read this statement will be willing to give $5 towards the purchase of this great collection. The

names of the donors will be placed with the exhibition and will be printed in the published account of it.

Mrs. W. H. Bennett, one of the devoted friends of this work, has presented to the Museum a large picture, representing the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. The names and locations of the different generals and their men are indicated below the picture. Mrs. Bennett has also presented a pamphlet entitled: Dedication of the Monument | of the Sixth Penna. Cavalry | "Lancers" | at the | Headquarters of General Meade | on the Battlefield of Gettysburg | June 8, 1891.

Business Methods.

The only response to the article which appeared in last month's copy of the Chronicle stating that a clerk was needed in order to carry on the work of the Parish, was received from Mr. W. C. Wilson. Mr. Norris D. Wright has long felt that something of this kind should be done for the good of the work, and some time ago he made an offer of $10 towards such a salary. Mr. Wilson's letter will be read with interest by our readers, but the matter ought not to stop there.

Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1913.

Rev. W. Herbert Burk,
Valley Forge, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Burk:

I read with a great deal of interest your remarks in the Chronicle in relation to the great amount of detail work which it was necessary for the Rector to perform in order to make the Chapel, as well as the Museum, a success. I did not appreciate nor I think do others interested in the Chapel, the enormous amount of clerical and detail work which has been in the past and will be in the future necessary for the Rector to perform. The thousands of letters which it is essential to write, as well as the enormous details connected with your work, should be placed upon other shoulders than your own, while your efforts I take it, should be devoted to more important matters. The duties of a clerk should not be so onerous as to overlay the duties of a pastor.

If it meets with your approval I am perfectly willing to subscribe $25 to assist in paying for a stenographer and curator for your museum. I know full well that many others who are interested in the work of the Chapel both from a religious and historical standpoint will join me in adding to this fund.

Yours, very truly,
W. C. WILSON.

The Bucks County Historical Society is to be congratulated upon the preservation of the many valuable papers which have been read at its meetings in the past years. Students of local and general history have given time and labor to the preparation of these papers and like many other works of the kind these would have been lost to all except the more diligent searchers for historical facts. Fortunately the Bucks County Historical Society has as one of its members, Mr. B. F. Fackenthal, Jr., who saw the necessity of the preservation of these documents and felt that they ought to be put in such a form as to be available for the student of history. Through his efforts it was possible for the society to publish three volumes of archives. Many of the articles are illustrated. Mr. Fackenthal, who visited the Chapel and Museum lately, has presented a set of these to the Washington Memorial Library and also a copy of the "Address of Welcome," which he delivered at the twenty-second annual meeting of the Pennsylvania German Society in Saint John's Reformed Church, Riegelsville, Pa., Friday, October 4, 1912.

Miss Winifred Zulich is the treasurer of the Charity Hospital Fund in the parish, and all who desire to help support this great charity should send their contributions to her at Port Kennedy.